The Duke of Wellington's letter
to the Earl of Mulgrave. Master
General of the Ordnance

Paris 21st Dec. 1815.

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I to tell you the truth - I was not
very much pleased with the Artillery
in the battle of Waterloo.

× × × × × × ×

I look on a eight-& four-the
officers & men of the artillery would
do as I bid & do it stoutly, that is,
to take shelter in the squares of the
Infantry × × × × but they
did as much thing: they ran off
the field entirely, taking with them
Limbers, ammunition & every thing;
× × × × we could make no use
of our Guns, we had no Artillery &
for them × × × × the army
was an entire new one with
the exception of some old Spanish
troops. - This unfortunate occasion
the mistakes they committed, & the
calumnies they circulated the

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all was destroyed, because they
themselves ran away, and
the ship that escaped.

in fact- if fact I should
have had no artillery during the
whole of the latter part of the action
if I had not kept a reserve
in the commencement.

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Col. B told me the following anecdote which was mentioned to him by one of Soult's Staff when the Marshal was in London at the Queen's Reception.

That the reception the Veteran received from the people was so hearty & enthusiastic that on one occasion it caused him to shed tears, the French officer adding "et il en pleure pour faiblesse". He was upset by the cheers & kindness of the English who rose to heartily welcome their old & brave Enemy — those cheers which the old Soldier had formerly heard on the battle fields of Spain & at the crowning victory of Waterloo —

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I was told the following anecdote
by Col. Sowdale Boldero of the
Gt. Guards who had had 2 Horses
shot under him at Waterloo -

In 1838 when old Soult
came over as Ambassador at the
Queens Coronation the people
cheered him most enthusiastically -
surrounding his carriage and
shouting, en route to Westminster
Abbey - Boldero informant
(one of the Marshals staff) said
that Soult "versa les larmes."
et il ne pleura pas facilement.

He had heard those hurras
often before in Spain and at
Waterloo, but now the friendly
greeting was too much for him a

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